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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Petition is submitted in connection with the Final Office Action issued July 18, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 18, 2002 Final Office Action was due October 18, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time from July 18, 2002 to January 18, 2003. The fee for a three-month extension for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$465.00). A check for this amount is enclosed. A response to the July 18, 2002 Final Office Action is now due January 18, 2003. However, since January 18, 2003 falls on a Saturday, and Monday January 20, 2003 was a federal holiday, a response filed January 21, 2003 is considered timely. With a three-month extension of time, a response to the July 18, 2002 Final Office Action is now due January 21, 2003. Accordingly, this Petition is being timely filed.

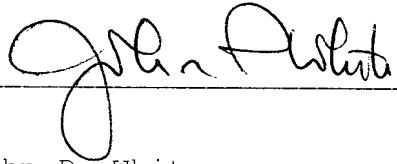
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Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in connection with the above-identified application.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$465.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this petition for a three-month extension of time. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

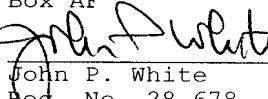
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